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Title: SELECTION OF MOBILITY AGENT IN ACCESS NETWORK

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Sir:

We, Ahti Muhonen and Jonne Soininen, hereby attest as follows:

We conceived of:

- the claimed method of indicating a macro mobility entity in an access system comprising a plurality of mobile stations, access nodes, and at least one mobility entity arranged to provide macro mobility management services to the mobile stations while registered to the access system, said method comprising initiating an attach procedure to one of said access nodes by a mobile station, reacting to said mobile station having IP capability by initiating at said access node a selection of a macro mobility entity for said mobile station, and sending the identity of said selected macro mobility entity to said mobile station in association with an access context establishment;
- the claimed packet access system, comprising a plurality of mobile stations, at least some of said mobile stations supporting macro layer mobility, access nodes, at least one mobility entity arranged to provide macro mobility management services, said access nodes being responsive to said mobile station having the macro mobility capability to initiate a selection of a macro mobility entity for said mobile station, and send an identity of said selected macro mobility entity to said mobile station; and
- the claimed access node for a packet access system comprising a plurality of mobile stations, at least some of said mobile stations supporting macro mobility, access nodes serving said mobile stations within respective parts of the packet access system, and at least two macro mobility entities being arranged to provide macro mobility management services to the mobile stations while registered to the access system, said access node comprising means, responsive to said mobile station having the macro mobility capability, for selecting at said access node a macro mobility entity for said

mobile station, and for sending an identity of said selected macro mobility entity to said mobile station in association with an access context establishment,

(which is the claimed invention) in Finland prior to March 18, 1999. During the period before March 18, 1999, we documented the conception of the claimed invention by completing the attached invention report and signed that invention report on March 18, 1998. This invention report was submitted by us to our employer, Nokia Corporation in Finland.

Over the next month three months, we communicated and worked in cooperation with personnel at the patent firm Kolster Oy AB (in Finland) and participated in the patent application drafting process by reviewing the patent application draft. As a result of this diligence on our parts, the Finnish patent application (FI991297; the earliest priority application for the present application) was filed less than three months later, on June 7, 1997.

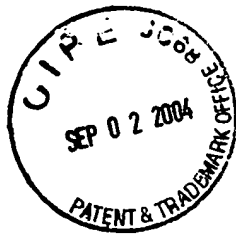
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Date: 23/08/2004

By: 
Jonne Soininen

Date: 24/08/2004

NOKIA**CONFIDENTIAL****INVENTION REPORT**Opinion report
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1 Title of invention: MIP Advertisement	
Inventor(s), profession: Ahti Muhonen (NTC), Jonne Soininen (NTC)	
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Short description of invention: See enclosure	
In my opinion the invention belongs to category: ____ *) (Not necessary to fill in)	Enclosures:

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Date 18 / 3 1999

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Invention Report

Title: MIP Advertisement.

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Date written: 18. March 1999

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Related to: Mobile IP integration to UMTS (Step 1 & Step 2 of 23.20)

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Background: Mobile IP support for UMTS Packet Switched network is introduced in the 23.20 specification. The correct GGSN with a FA has to be found and a PDP Context has to be activated to it.

Problem: The problem is to know if the SGSN has a GGSN that has Foreign Agent (FA) capabilities and to open a PDP address to the correct one. This solution gives a generic solution for discovering the FA. This solution also prevents the MS from trying to open a PDP Context to a FA, when there is not one present.

Solution: When the MS does GPRS/UMTS Attach, the SGSN checks the Classmark of the MS. If the MS has Mobile IP capability, the SGSN send the MS a PDP Context Activation Request. The Activation Request includes the IP address of the FA and information that the address is an address of a FA.

Example: MS performs GPRS/UMTS Attach to a SGSN. The SGSN checks if the MS has Mobile IP capabilities and if it does, a PDP Context Activation Request is sent to the MS. The MS then performs the PDP Context Activation to the FA.

Implementation: The implementation of the Mobile IP capability check could be implemented to the classmark of the MS. This way the SGSN would be able to distinguish the Mobile IP capable MSs from the non-capables. In the PDP Context Activation Request would then be the FA information. The FA information could be implemented to the Request PDP Context Activation message [04:08v620 9.5.4] to the field Offered PDP Context Address. In the Offered PDP Context Address [04.08 10.5.6.4], are spare bits that could hold the information that the PDP Address is the address of a Mobile IP Foreign Agent.